

further attempts to defund or destabilize this organization will result in more undiagnosed cancers, more untreated illnesses, and more unintended pregnancies.

We have seen the incredible progress our country can make when women make their own health care decisions and follow their dreams, and we know what an important role Planned Parenthood plays in making that possible. Congratulations to Planned Parenthood Federation of America on its 100th anniversary and for the important work its members do in Ohio's communities and across the country every day.

#### NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY

Mr. BENNET. Madam President, in honor of National Manufacturing Day on October 7, I would like to recognize the nearly 150,000 Coloradans who work for the 6,000 manufacturers across the State and contribute \$20 billion annually to the State's economy.

Colorado manufacturers contribute their ingenuity and talent to support growth in the aerospace, energy, bio-science, defense, food and beverage, agriculture, apparel and many other industries. In 2015, they exported over \$8 billion worth of U.S.-made goods overseas.

Manufacturing leaders in Colorado are continually looking for innovative ways to produce high-quality products. They have developed strong public-private-university partnerships through the Alliance for the Development of Additive Processing Technologies, ADAPT, Center at Colorado School of Mines, led by the Manufacturer's Edge—Colorado's NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership—and the Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute National Research Initiative at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

From Oliver Manufacturing in La Junta to Woodward in Fort Collins to Lockheed Martin in Littleton to Reynolds Polymer in Grand Junction, manufacturers play a significant role in our local communities, providing high-skilled jobs and opportunities for suppliers and service providers.

That is why I look forward to celebrate the contributions of Colorado's manufacturers throughout the month of October with my colleagues in the Colorado congressional delegation, Governor John Hickenlooper, and Manufacturer's Edge.

#### TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE M. DITLOW III

Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, today I wish to recognize and thank Mr. Clarence M. Ditlow III for his commitment to protecting the American people. Through a lifetime of work improving automotive and safety laws, Mr. Ditlow has helped save thousands of lives and prevented many more injuries than would otherwise have occurred. A tireless champion for con-

sumers, his work has resulted in better government oversight of automakers, the installation of key safety features, and the exposure of safety defects in millions of cars, SUVs, and other trucks.

A 1965 chemical engineering graduate of Lehigh University, Mr. Ditlow pivoted to the legal profession following the completion of a JD from Georgetown University in 1970 and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1971. Since then, he has been instrumental in improving auto safety, reliability, and efficiency as executive director of the Center for Auto Safety.

Mr. Ditlow's discovery of numerous automotive defects, combined with his persistent pressure on safety agencies and automakers alike, led to the removal of many unsafe vehicles from the road. His direct efforts led to the automotive recalls of 6.7 million Chevrolet with defective engine mounts, 15 million Firestone 500 tires, 1.5 million Ford Pintos and 2 million Jeeps with exploding gas tanks, 3 million Evenflo child seats with defective latches, 7 million Toyotas because of sudden acceleration defects, 2 million GM vehicles with defective ignition switches, and over 30 million Takata airbag inflators. He also led consumer efforts to get "lemon laws" passed in all 50 States.

I offer my sincere appreciation to Mr. Clarence M. Ditlow III and the Center for Automotive Safety for indefatigable dedication to auto safety and vigilance in uncovering automotive safety threats. Clarence demonstrates the impact a devoted industry watchdog can have on informing the public and saving lives. I am grateful for his years of collaboration with and assistance to Members of Congress, Federal and State safety agencies, and a myriad of other stakeholders, to improve automotive and public safety.

#### TRIBUTE TO DONDA MORGAN

Mr. UDALL. Madam President, I wish to say a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to Donda Morgan, who retired at the end of last month after 17 years and 8 months with my office. I do this knowing that she shies away from fuss and attention, preferring to stay quiet and behind the scenes. But she deserves this recognition for her service to me—and especially to the people of New Mexico.

Donda was born and raised in the Clovis-Portales area of Eastern New Mexico. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University and worked in public service for over two decades. She came to Washington in 1995 after a nearly 10-year stint with Capitol Government Reports, a Santa Fe publication. She went to work for one of my predecessors in the House of Representatives, former U.S. Representative Bill Richardson, until he was appointed Energy Secretary. So I knew she was well qualified for the job. When I was elected in 1998, she joined my new congres-

sional office, starting almost on the first day of the new year, January 3, 1999.

Donda began as the manager of my office operations, managing the office budget and then my schedule—which I am sure was no easy task. As one newspaper reporter once wrote, she was in charge of "everything that [came] in and out of the . . . office from pencils and pens to letterhead and business cards." She served with me throughout my tenure in the House and then moved over to the Senate staff as my executive assistant and scheduler when I was elected to this body in 2009.

I admire many things about Donda, but perhaps the most important is that she served with the highest integrity. As my assistant and scheduler, she worked directly with New Mexicans who came to my Washington office for appointments or to check in with me or my staff. Donda was always particularly careful to make sure that everyone was treated the same. In a sense, she was the face of my Senate office, scheduling and greeting everyone—celebrated or not—with equal parts of graciousness and firmness, while keeping the train running on time, a daunting task in a Senate office. She firmly appreciated that her first responsibility was to the people of New Mexico. My constituents from New Mexico got to know and love her. I have heard them comment that they were glad that she was my scheduler because they knew she would try her best to make sure they had an opportunity to see me.

Donda has a strong work ethic and was an incredible coworker and team player, always willing to help where she could. She also has a quirky sense of style. My staff especially enjoyed hearing ZZ Top and AC/DC playing from her office while she worked. She was known for wearing colorful hightop sneakers, chosen with the help of her beloved grandson Aiden.

Donda also has a fondness for certain celebrities, and while she shied away from the fuss, she enjoyed seeing some of the Hollywood stars who sometimes visit Congress to talk about issues they care about. But, more than anything, Donda appreciates good, hard work. My dad used to say it was important not just to "get it done—but get it done right." And that fits Donda to a T. She had a demanding job. To use a metaphor, she was a juggler, and she managed to do it with humor and unfailing commitment.

Time, which she managed for my office with such skill and aplomb, has now brought her to a much deserved retirement, which I know she will manage with equal grace and spirit. I thank her on behalf of my office and the people of New Mexico.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ALAN CHARLES

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I wish to recognize Alan Charles